CHAPTER NO. 558

SENATE BILL NO. 3716

By Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3795

By Hood, Coleman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to allied health professions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-1-147.

Any board of an allied health care profession, for allied health professionals as defined by United States Code, Title 42, Chapter 6A, Subchapter V, Part F, Section 295p, within the division of health related boards as set out in Section 68-1-101 is authorized to enter into grants, agreements, scholarships or other arrangements with statewide nonprofit agencies or other state agencies for the purpose of evaluating and guiding the development of the education, distribution, and availability of the allied health care workforce under the regulation of that board to provide a basis for improving the delivery of quality health care.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 17, 2006

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

> JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER USE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2006

PHIL BREDESEN GOVERNOR